## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE.

Applicants: Hubert DUMONT, et. al.

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For: FLAVORED TASTE-MASKED PHARMAECUTICAL

FORMULATION MADE USING A ONE STEP COASTING PROCESS

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to a non-final Office Action dated August 17, 2009, setting forth a shortened statutory period for response ending November 17, 2009. Reconsideration of Applicants claims is requested. A three extension of time is attached. Any additional fees associated with this Amendment may be charged to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

Please amend this application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected on page 2 of this paper. REMARKS begin on page 6 of this paper.